जाता हैं, किन्तु पुरुष और महिला अफसरों के लिए सेवा की शर्तें समान हैं।

अन्य शाखाओं के लिए अल्पकालीन सेवा कमीशन कें अतंर्गत महिला अफसरों को प्रारंभिक तौर पर 5 वर्ष के लिए भर्ती किया जाता हैं और शारीरिक रूप से स्वस्थ पाए जाने पर उनकी सेवावधि आगे 5 वर्ष तक बढ़ाए जाने के लिए विकल्प रखा जाता हैं। यदि महिला अफसर बढ़ाई गई सेवावधि में सेवा करने की इच्छुक न हो तो उसके द्वारा तीन महीने का नोटिस दिए जाने पर सक्षम प्राधिकारी उसे अनुकम्पा के आधार पर कमीशन से त्यागपत्र देने की अनुमति प्रदान कर सकता हैं।

कमीशन की बढ़ाई गई अवधि के दौरान महिला अफसरों को अन्य नौकरियों के लिए आवेदन करने की अनुमति भी दी जाती हैं।

नौसेना में महिला अफसरों को अल्पकालीन सेवा कमीशन के अतंर्गत प्रारंभिक तौर पर 7 वर्ष के लिए भर्ती किया जाता हैं और शारीरिक रूप से स्वस्थ पाए जाने पर उनकी सेवाविधि आगे 3 वर्ष तक बढ़ाए जाने के लिए विकल्प रखा जाता हैं। महिला अफसरों को उन्हीं क्षेत्रों में तैनात किया जाता है जहां पर समुद्र में जाकर कार्य और युद्ध करने की आवश्यकता नहीं होती हैं।

वायुसेना में महिला अफसरों का अल्कालीन सेवा कमीशन के अतंर्गत भर्ती किया जाता हैं। इनकी सेवा की शर्तें वही हैं जो पुरुष अफसरों के लिए लागू हैं।

Facilities to NCC Staff

1211. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of NCC units functioning in the country at present;

(b) the number of retired persons belonging to Army/Air Force/Navy inducted in the existing NCC units during the last three years till date; and

(c) the basic facilities/amenities being provided to the NCC staff by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) As per Annexure given *[See Appendix 18(1 Annesure No. 31).*

(b) A total of 46 retired Army/Navy/ Aii Force personnel have been inducted during the last three years till date, to man Defence and Civilian posts in NCC.

(c) All basic facilities/amenities as are normally admissible to the Central Government employees are also provided to NCC staff by the Government.

Sainik Schools in Bihar

1212. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sainik schools in Bihar alongwith the locations thereof; and

(b) the norms laid down for admission in these schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) Under the Ministry of Defence, there is one Sainik School in Bihar, located at Tilaiya in District Koderma. The school was established in September, 1963.

(b) Sainik Schools admit boys to Classes VI and IX through an entrance examination on all-India basis. Boys in the age group of 10-11 years and 13-14 years as on 1st July of the year, are eligible for admission to Classes VI and IX respectively. The admission is made strictly in order of merit and subject to medical fitness.

The minimum qualifying academic standard fixed for the general candidates is not applicable in the case of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates. However, they are admitted on the basis of interse merit amongst themselves, depending on the number of reserved vacancies.

Enquiry into IAF plane crash near Hyderabad

1213. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether enquiry into IAF plane crash in which 22 persons died near

Hyderabad on 24th December, 1996 has been completed; if so, the findings thereof; and

(b) if not, by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b) The Court of Inquiry has commenced. The exact time for completion of the inquiry cannot be indicated.

Civilian killed in Jammu and Kashmir

1214. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1102 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th July, 1996 and state:

(a) whether records are available with Army Headquarters, regarding the civilians killed in Jammu and Kashmir at the hands of both the army personnel and the terrorists since 1990;

(b) if so, the details of the civilians killed in Jammu and Kashmir since 1990; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (c) Records of casualties in terrorist violence in Jammu and Kashmir are maintained by civil authorities. As per available information, 7163 civilians lost their lives from 1990 till 31st Jartuary, 1997.

Defence Equipment Procurement Clause

1215. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether government had decided to introduce a clause in every final contract for defence equipment procurements requiring all principals to disclaim using or retaining any agent or representative in India; and

(b) whether the above clause is applied in the case of equipments purchased by Government through the Defence Public Sector Undertakings, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b) The existing instructions debar agents in the procurement of weapons and weapon systems and prohibit their intercession in the procurement, induction and acquisition of weapons and weapon systems. Contracts concluded with foreign manufacturers carry a clause to this effect. This Clause has, now, been made more stringent by including the stipulation that in case, it is discovered that the seller had paid commission to any agent, the company would be liable to refund the amount to the Government and to face appropriate penal action as per our policy. These instructions have been made applicable to the Defence Public Sector Undertakings, also.

Selection Standards for Entry into NDA

1216. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact' that selection standards for entry into the National Defence Academy and Military Academy have been lowered recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether this is likely to affect the efficiency of the army?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) No, Sin

(b) Does hot arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Illegal Construction in Hyderabad Cantonment

1217. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh High Court have given directions to stop illegal constructions forthwith in cantonment areas of Hyderabad and Secunderabad; and